

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 37-41 and 56-59 are pending under examination. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 37 and 56 recite "the amino acid sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:107" to replace the original language "the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:107." This amendment merely improves clarity and does not introduce any new matter.

II. Claim Rejection

Claims 37-41 and 56-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness. Specifically, the term "as set forth" in claims 37 and 56 is objected to. In response, the relevant claims have been amended to replace this term with "consisting of," as suggested by the Examiner. This rejection is therefore believed to have been obviated. Applicants thank the Examiner for his helpful suggestion.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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